(ग) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे में प्रशिक्षुओं के लिये यह प्रथम विशेष प्रशिक्षण संस्था होते हुए भी इस फैक्टरी के विकास का कोई प्रयास नहीं किया गया है और इस संस्थान में कम्प्यूटर, टेलेक्स आदि में प्रशिक्षण देने की कोई व्यवस्था नहीं है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) जमालपुर कारखाने के विकास के लिये पहले ही ठोस कदम उठाये गये हैं । डीजल रेल इंजनों की मरम्मत और पुर्जों के निर्माण की सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था कर दी गयी है और कारखाना इस कार्य को नियमित रूप से कर रहा है । डीजल क्रेनों, बोगियों और टावर माल डिब्बों जैसी नई मदों का निर्माण हाल ही के वर्षों में शुरू किया गया है ।

(ख) जमालपुर कारखाने में उपलब्ध कौशल का मरम्मत तथा निर्माण कार्यों के लिए उपयुक्त रूप से इस्तेमाल किया जाता है । जहां तक कारखानों में भर्ती का संबंध है, यह इस प्रकार की भर्ती को शासित करने वाले नियमों के अनुसार की जाती है ।

(ग) जी नहीं, प्रशिक्षुओं के प्रशिक्षण के लिए यथापेक्षित सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था कारखानों तथा प्रशिक्षण संस्थान दोनों में की गयी है । संस्थान में कम्प्यूटर का प्रशिक्षण देने की सुविधाओं की भी हाल ही में व्यवस्था की गयी है ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

EMU Coaches running between Howrah and Bardhaman Chord line

1777. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of EMU Coaches running between Howrah and Bardhaman Chord line;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce more trains on the section; and

(c) if so, when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 24 pairs of EMU locals run on the Howrah-Dankuni-Bardhaman Chord line.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal for the present.

Relaxation of norms for opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar

1778. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether norms for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya have been adhered to in the case of Kendriya Vidyalayas of Bihar in 1986-87 and if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): In 1986-87, 5 Kendriya Vidyalayas were opened in the state of Bihar at Muzaffarpur, Patna, Katihar, Namkum (Ranchi) and Bokaro Thermal Power Station, District Giridih. For opening the Kendriya Vidyalayas at Patna (No. 2), Katihar and Muzaffarpur, certain relaxation in regard to availability of land, residential accommodation etc. was allowed as has been done in the case of various other stations on merits in each case.

Central Inland Water Transport Corpiration

1779. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commercial viability of the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation has already been established;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to extend its services from Haldia to Allahabad *via* Patna in the near

future along the National Waterway No. 1, in view of outstepping demand of oil; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Inland Water Transport Corporation has been engaged in inland transportation and the cargo movements effected by them has increased from 75,000 M.T. in 1981-82 to 3,20,000 M.T. in 1986-87. On the National Waterway No. 1, the CIWTC are currently operating river services between Haldia/ Calcutta and Farakka and the services upto Patna are being extended. The services between Patna and Allahabad could be started after completition ot ongoing Pilot Project.

(c) Does not arise.

Speed Post Service in West Bengal

1780. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2909 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce Speed Post Service from more areas of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what are the details and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. At present, there is no proposal to introduce Speed Post Service from more areas of West Bengal.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to a) above.

Rail Yatri Niwas at Howrah

1781. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of proposed Rail Yatri Niwas at Howrah in West Bengal has been started;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The work is likely to be completed by March, 1989.

Doubling and Extension of Howrah-Tarakeshwar Rail Line

1782. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Howrah-Tarakeshwar rail line is in need of doubling and extension upto Arambagh;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take up the work in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Double rail line already exists between Howrah and Kamarkundu. Survey for augmentation of line capacity on Seoraphuli-Kamarkundu-Tarakeshwar Section is in progress. No decision can be taken till the survey is completed and the report examined. There is no proposal at present for extension of rail line upto Arambagh in view of constraint of resources and heavy commitments in hand.

Shortage of passenger coaches

1783. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of passenger coaches in the country;